of Transshipment Port at South Bay in Great Nocobar Island has been included in the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme. Global Expression of Interest was invited for the consultancy. However, due to poor response, it has been decided to re-tender for the requirement.

Proposals from Madhya Pradesh

1135. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals of various schemes forwarded by State Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Central Government during the last three years for obtaining its approvals;

(b) the details of proposals approved out of the same;

(c) the reasons for keeping such proposals as pending; and

(d) by when pending proposals would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Details of proposals of various schemes forwarded by Government of Madhya Pradesh to this Ministry and approved by this Ministry during the last three years are as given below:

Scheme	Proposals received during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06		Approved	
	No.	Amount (Rs. in crore)	No.	Amount (Rs. in crore)
Central Road Fund (CRF)	217	1152.63	67	275.87
Roads of Economic Importance. (EI)	24	7120.27	2	9.36
Road of Inter-State connectivity. (ISC)	7	1015.05	1	3.81
National Highway (Original) and Maintenance & Repairs.	335	861.72	221	457.10

(c) and (d) Works under the scheme of Economic Importance and Inter State Connectivity are approved in principle in the first instance, based on

inter-se priority and availability of fund and there after detailed estimates are sanctioned. In principle approval could not be accorded to the remaining proposals bacause of insufficient fund. In case of Central Road Fund, works up to the sanction ceiling as approved by the Ministry based on *inter-se* priority have been sanctioned. Unapproved CRF proposals have been returned for resubmission based on *inter-se* priority after updating. In case of National Highway (Original), only those works included in the Annual Plan are considered for sanction considering their acceptability from technical parameters and sanction ceiling. Works upto sanction limit have been santioned each year in case of M&R works. Unapproved NH (O) & M&R proposals have been returned to the State PWD.

Development of Mumbai Port

1136. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to develop port at Mumbai to international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Development of Ports is an on-going process kepping in veiw the demands of Maritime Trade. Under the National Maritime Development Programme, a total of 14 Projects have been identified to be taken up for implementation by the year 2011-12 in Mumbai Port, which involve an estimated investment of Rs. 2766.06 crores. These include projects relating to construction/reconstruction of berths jetties, procurement of equipment, rail and road connectivity works etc. With the implementation of these projects, facilities in the Mumbai Port are expected to improve considerably.

Upgradation of highways

1137. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up various programme for modernization and upgradation of highways in the country;